

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0004] on page 1 with the following amended paragraph:

[0004] This application is related to the following commonly-assigned, copending applications: U.S. Serial Number 09/797,688 entitled[[:]] METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR REDUCING CONGESTION ON A NETWORK DEVICE (~~attorney docket no. F0690~~) and U.S. Serial Number 09/814,816 entitled ADMISSION CONTROL IN A NETWORK DEVICE (~~attorney docket no. F0716~~).